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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR

MAINTAINING SERVICE DEPENDENCY RELATIONSHIPS IN A COMPUTER

SYSTEM

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 21, 2007, applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-13 and 19-20, drawn to a network management system comparing to a base reference configuration file and starting missing services. Applicants submit that such claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully solicit a notice of allowance in this case. Should the Examiner have any questions, he is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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